

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, 5 December 2018
Parish Hall Elmdon Road Marston Green**

Present:

Cllr Frank Bunce – Chairman
Cllr Karen Dunn
Cllr Wayne Hadley
Cllr Clive Hill
Cllr Jon Horton
Cllr Jessica Rathbone
Cllr Barbara Tocher
Cllr Kim Wallace
Cllr Donna Williams

Clerk: Carole Cox

Public: 18 members of the public

2673 The Public

A resident of Pitt Lane, Bickenhill, asked the Parish Council if they were aware of the Planning Application for Church Lane, Bickenhill, and would the Parish Council be taking any action? Cllr Frank Bunce advised that it was yes to both questions he said that the Planning Committee had discussed the application and Cllr Jon Horton had been talking to residents and asked if he would provide an update of the actions which had been taken so far. Cllr Jon Horton also advised that a meeting had been organised for tomorrow night at Bickenhill, inviting all residents to discuss the application in detail. Cllr Bob Sleight will also try to come to the meeting, following his attendance at a cabinet meeting. However, he had advised that he has already raised his concerns regarding the application.

Trevor Wills stated there were two points he wished to raise. Firstly, he had an issue with the minutes, in relation to the statement that “Trevor Wills and John Fox were of the opinion that the Gym was only to be used as a rehabilitation centre” etc. Trevor Wills stated that he had not said this. Members of the Council elucidated that the statement had been made. Trevor Wills wished it to be noted that it was not him who had made the statement. Issue two, relates to a request from Marston Green Residents Association for a “*stipendiary payment*” request of £500.00 to support the association. Cllr Frank Bunce advised that the matter would be discussed in due course by the committees.

Mr Connors introduced himself to all present. He advised that he is the owner of the land on Church Lane and had taken professional planning advice in relation to the planning application. Mr Connors said that the site is only for himself, his wife and children. There is no plan to expand and no other families would be living on the site. He added that he would be happy to sign a document to this effect, he wanted to do this the right way and is why he had not occupied the land illegally. The Council thanked Mr Connors for coming along and putting forward his plans.



Cllr Frank Bunce asked Trevor Wills about the last Residents Association Meeting, Cllr Frank Bunce had been advised that there had been much discussion about the Gym and Nursery and not all the points raised by the Parish Council had been covered at the meeting. Trevor Wills stated that he had covered all of the points raised by the Parish Council, he also said that it was in his opinion just hearsay. Cllr Karen Dunn said that perhaps a copy of the minutes from the Residents Association would therefore be useful. Trevor Wills said that he is more than happy to supply copies of the minutes.

2674 Apologies

No apologies received.

2675 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations

None

2676 Approval of the Parish Council Minutes - Held on Wednesday 7 November 2018

Cllr Frank Bunce asked members if they had read the minutes and if they could confirm these as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr Barbara Tocher

Seconded: Cllr Jon Horton

All in favour

It was resolved that the minutes were a true and accurate record

Matters arising from the Parish Council Meeting on the 7 November 2018

Minute no 2654.2 St Peter's Church

Cllr Barbara Tocher said the PCC of St Peter's Church were delighted with the donation towards the repair of the clock.

2677 Matters arising from the Finance & General Purpose Meeting – 26 November 2018

Minute no 2677.1 2019/2020 Budget

The Clerk advised that Solihull MBC will not be providing the Tax Base figure until the 10 December 2018. In order to start the preparation work for next year's budget and in readiness for the approval of the precept at January's meeting, the Clerk asked members for their views on the level of increase. She advised that the current CPI (Consumer Price Index) is at 2.2%. The F&GP Committee had discussed the options and as the level of increase last year was 0%, they agreed that figures should be prepared for a 2% and 2.2% increase.

Proposed: Cllr Karen Dunn

Seconded: Cllr Clive Hill

All in favour

It was resolved the Clerk is to prepare the budget based on the figures stated

2678 Matters arising from the Planning Committee Meeting – 29 November 2018

Cllr Clive Hill updated members on the issue of Plot 6500 that had been queried at the last meeting. Solihull MBC had checked the application and confirmed that Unit 6502 is for Sulzer and 6501 is speculative with no specific company in mind.



The plan to indicate the process was submitted and there was concerned from a design point of view that the building turns it back on Solihull Parkway rather than addressing it. The plan was therefore, submitted to indicate why the building is sited as proposed. The building has been rotated due to a site constraint of a gas main along the southern boundary and also provides more space for planting.

The Parish Council were in the process of submitting their comments for application PL/2018/03166, Land off Church Lane as discussed earlier tonight.

Also the Planning Committee had questioned if the Planning Application PL/2018/02763, New Medical Centre, was due to be heard at December's SMBC Planning Committee. The Clerk had contacted SMBC who confirmed that it would probably be heard at the January Meeting. SMBC had clarified that they had sought justification from the applicant regarding the Gym, Café and Nursery due to the scale of occupancy. If they had received a completed response within the given timescales, then the application would be heard in January.

2679 HS2 Update

Cllr Karen Dunn advised that work was due to commence in what was being called the Golden triangle between the A452 and the A45 to prevent unauthorised access. Middle Bickenhill Lane was due to be closed from the 6th December 2019 to assist with the works. Building of the compound at Quartz Business Park is due to start in 2019.

2680 Airport Matters

Cllr Jon Horton advised that the ACC Meeting had taken place on the 15th November 2018, he advised member of the following points discussed at the meeting.

- The Airport was experiencing difficult times with business down by 8% over the last three months
- No CEO had been appointed
- There had been some improvements in Customer Service
- The Planning Application for the infill project had been approved
- New flights would take place in summer 2019 to Romania, Turkey and Istanbul
- Emirates had reached the 1 millionth customer on the A380 service
- The Airport recognise that they need to do more on Environmental issues and have re-established the Noise Abatement Sub Committee. Cllr Jon Horton and John Fox will join this committee.

The Draft Masterplan will cover 8 areas the areas are,

1. Our ambition

Summarises our plans to grow and support the ambitions of the region.

2. Market context

Provides a backdrop to the Airport's operation regarding the air travel market and airlines.

3. Demand for air travel



Sets out our central forecast for the number of passengers and aircraft which will use the Airport over the next 15 years up to 2033.

4. Birmingham Airport 2033

Explains our development plans for the Airport to meet growing demand and deliver great customer experience.

5. Surface access

Shows the strength of the Airport's location at the heart of the UK's road and rail networks, and explains the need for sufficient investment in the transport infrastructure to meet the growing demands placed on it.

6. Economic impact

Demonstrates the very significant role the Airport plays in the regional economy and its direct and indirect contribution to growth and employment.

7. Environmental impact

Explains the wide range of activities undertaken within our local communities to avoid, reduce or mitigate the Airport's environmental impact.

8. Regional partnerships

Highlights the importance of our partnerships with local and central Government and the vital need for wider investment in the regional transport networks.

The aim for the future is to move from 13 million passenger to 18m by 2033 and up to a maximum goal of 24m.

Plans for a second runway had been shelved. They wish to focus on long-haul, low-cost flights to India, China and America. However, they have recognised the possible need to use land outside the current airport boundary in the next fifteen years.

2681 Internal & External Committee Reports

Cllr Frank Bunce asked members if they would consider a grant towards the repair of the Parish Hall roof. It was agreed that a donation of up to £1k could be considered if the PCC matched the amount. This was approved in principle and deemed to be a fair approach as the Parish Hall Trustees are made up by 3 members from the Church and 3 members from the PCC.

2682 Finance – Payments for Authorisation

The proposal is to authorise the payments detailed on the expenditure reports.

Proposed: Cllr Clive Hill

Seconded: Cllr Wayne Hadley

All in favour

It was resolved to accept the expenditure payments detailed on the reports



2683 Correspondence

Minute no 2683.1 Cllr Alison Rolf

Cllr Alison Rolf had asked if the Parish Council would provide two dog bins for Blackfirs Lane. Councillors discussed the matter but were concerned regarding who would take responsibility for the emptying of the bins.

Action item: Clerk to write to Cllr Alison Rolf

Minute no 2683.2 SMBC – Managing our Woodlands

Minute no 2683.3 SMBC Notification of Experimental Traffic Regulation Order – Castle Bromwich, Chelmsley Wood and Smith’s Wood Car Club

Minute no 2683.4 Request for Byelaws

Minute no 2683.5 Countryside Voice/CPRE Fieldwork

Minute no 2683.6 Estimated Costs for Elections

The Clerk had circulated a copy to members.

Minute no 2683.7 Notice of Closure of Middle Bickenhill Lane

Minute no 2683.8 Age UK Solihull – Grant Request

2684 Roads and Rights of Way

Cllr Karen Dunn raised her concerns about the illegal parking outside the shops in the village. She had spoken with Kerrie Grandison who had passed on the matter to SMBC Highways. It was agreed that the Parish Council consider purchasing a new planter to assist with the matter.

Meeting closed at 20:35

Bob advised that due to double parking along Elmdon Road the local bus had been unable to pass through.

Meeting re-opened at 20:37

2685 Bus and Train Services

Nothing to report

2686 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 2 January 2019 at 19:30

Venue: Parish Hall, Elmdon Road, Marston Green

